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SUBJECT: ASIAN GAMES FEDERATION MEETING

REF: JAKARTA 11211

1. IN LETTER TO KL DAILY "STRAITS TIMES" SEP 21, DEFENSE
MINISTER HAMZAH, WHO HEADED MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO BANGKOK
MEETING, "CLARIFIED" REASON FOR WALKOUT OVER ASIAN GAMES
FEDERATION (AGF) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION TO OUST ROC AND
ADMIT PRC. HE SAID IT PROPER FOR EXEC COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH
PRC ADMISSION IF APPLICATION SUBMITTED, BUT ONLY AGF SUPREME
COUNCIL CAN RULE ON EXPULSION OF MEMBER. CONSEQUENTLY, MALAYSIA
DID NOT WANT TO BE "PARTY TO PROCEEDING WHICH WAS CLEARLY ULTRA
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VIRES THE RULES OF AGF". ALSO, HAMZAH EXPLICITLY DENIED

MALAYSIAN WALKOUT PROVOKED BY EXPULSION OF ROC PER SE,
LEAVING CLEAR IMPRESSION MALAYSIA WOULD AGREE TO PRC MEMBERSHIP
AND ROC EXPULSION IF AND WHEN THIS DONE BY AGF SUPREME COUNCIL.

2. AGF ISSUE HAS RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL PRESS PLAY AND EDITORIALS
COUNCUR IN MALAYSIAN STAND. "STRAITS TIMES" NOTED AGF EXEC
COMMITTEE "LANDED ITSELF IN UNNECESSARY AND UNPLEASANT DILEMMA."
THERE NO CRITICISM OF IRAN/JAPAN INITIATIVE ITSELF OR MERITS OF
REPLACING ROC WITH PRC IN AGF.

3. COMMENT: FORMERLY MINISTR OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS,
HAMZAH HAS REPRESENTED GOM AND MALAYSIAN GROUPS AT MANY INTL
SPORTS MEETINGS. IN AGF DISPUTE, MALAYSIAN MOVES (IN CONTRAST
TO INDON EXPERIENCE PER REFTTEL) WERE ALMOST CERTAINLY WORKED OUT
WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN ANY EVENT, WALKOUT MAY BECOME ACADEMIC
IF AGF SUPREME COUNCIL APPROVES IRAN/JAPAN INITIATIVE, IN
PROCESS CREATING CONFLICT WITH INTL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DICTUM
THAT PRC SHOULD APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ITSELF, AFTER
WHICH ROC MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WILL BE TACKLED ON OWN MERITS.
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